# Shaw Defense Lawyer Sees Delay Before Trial Is Set

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New Orleans, April 5 (AP)—A defense lawyer estimates it may be six months before a date is set for the trial of Clay L. Shaw, 54-year-old retired executive charged with conspiring to murder President Kennedy.

Some of the legal steps in the case were detailed by attorney Edward F. Wegmann prior to today's arraignment before District Judge E. A. Haggerty Jr.

Arraignments are a formality in which the indictment is read.

Wegmann said Haggerty assured him that, after Shaw's plea of innocent, the defense would be granted 30 days in which to file new motions in the case.

When motions are filed, District Attorney Jim Garrison's office may ask time in which to file replies. At the end of this period, a date for a hearing on the motions is set.

Then, if motions are denied, the defense may appeal to the state supreme court.

"Our estimate is that it will be three to six months before the court reaches the point of considering a trial date," said Wegmann.